

REMARKS

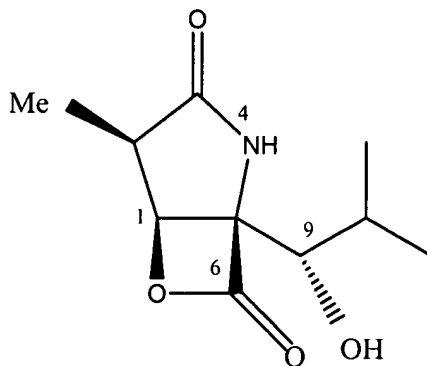
Amendments

Claims 2, 3-9, and 10 are pending in the application. With this Response, claims 1 and 11 have been withdrawn without prejudice as to further prosecution. Claims 3-6 and 9 have been amended to depend only from claim 2. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action details a two-way Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response to the Office Action, Applicants elect Group II, claims 2, 3-9, and 10, with traverse. The claims contained in Group I are directed to therapeutic methods employing a single compound genus. Search of one Group will inevitably reveal art to the other Groups. Applicants submit, therefore, that simultaneous search would not be unduly burdensome. Accordingly Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group I be rejoined for examination with Group II.

Responsive to the requirement that Applicants elect a single disclosed species, Applicants elect the species of clasto-lactacystin β -lactone shown below for further prosecution on the merits.



Clasto-lactacystin β -lactone

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Amendment dated October 26, 2006
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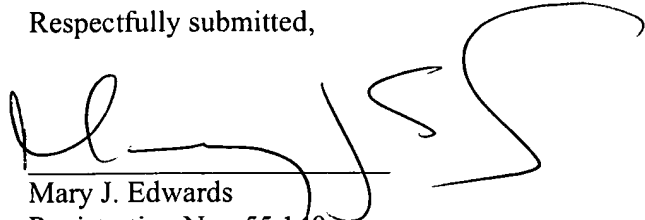
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No fees are believed to be due. However, if such a fee is due or a credit is owed, please make them to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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